Sub-station; and Construction of 6 lane Arterial Road with an estimated cost of Rs. 104.00 crores and loan amounting to Rs. 79.00 crores for development of Gwalior. Out of this, Rs. 61.00 crores has been released as on March, 2002. The Special Area Development Authority, Gwalior has reported an expenditure of Rs. 35.44 crores as on March, 2002. These projects are scheduled to be completed upto March, 2004.

Corruption in DDA

†51. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmenr's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bhrashtachar ka sirmour DDA", which appeared in the special supplement of Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 7th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for overall development of Delhi and to make DDA free from corruption; and

(d) the manner in which Government would ensure that they would not come under pressure while acting against corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) DDA was constituted to promote and secure the development of Delhi and has been engaged in diverse and meaningful city building activities, which include acquisition of land, development of housing complexes, green belts, shopping and commercial centres etc. In this huge developmental task; there have been some instances, of failure in some departments. Necessary action has been initiated against the defaulting officials. Various steps have been taken to plug the loopholes in the system.

DDA has adopted three pronged strategy *viz.* preventive, detective and punitive to curb corruption in the organisation. Instructions have been issued by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation to check corruption. These include

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

introduction of computerization and e-governance, training of work force and exercising strict vigilance at all level, simplification of rules, regulations and adoption of transparency in procedures. In order to streamline the functioning of DDA the time-limits for various transactions are monitored by senior officers of DDA. The receipt and despatch section has been computerized. Counsellors/ facilitators have been posted in the main reception hall of DDA for assisting the public and also providing guidelines and help in documentation. Strict disciplinary action is being taken against defaulting officials. In all these actions, procedures as laid down in law is followed.